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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: LAW OF THE SEA AT NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM FRIENDLY EMBASSY COPY OF
ADDENDUM TO CONFERENCE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM FOR
ECONOMIC COOPERATION DEALING WITH LAW OF SEA.
ADDENDUM DEALS WITH EXPLOITATION OF OCEAN RESOURCES
IN FOR SOUTH LATITUDES INCLUDING ANTARCTICA. HOW-
EVER WE UNDERSTAND THAT SRI LANKA HAS NOW DROPPED
THIS ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH UNDER STRONG PROTEST FROM
ARGENTINA. DESPITE ITS BEING A DEAD LETTER AT
THIS CONFERENCE, WE ARE REPORTING IT IN CASE SAME
PROPOSAL IS INTRODUCED IN ANOTHER FORUM.

2. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. DRAFT PARAGRAPH ON
THE LAW OF THE SEA (INCLUDING ANTARCTICA) FOR
INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE THAT,
WHILE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE AT THE INTERNATIONAL
LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT THE WORLD'S RESOURCES, AND IN
PARTICULAR ITS MARINE RESOURCES, SHALL NOT BECOME
THE SUBJECT OF SELFISH AND IRRESPONSIBLE EXPLOITATION
BY THOSE WHO FOR THE TIME BEING POSSESS THE TEC-
NOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSE, THERE ARE AREAS OF THE PLANET,
SUCH AS THOSE SOUTH OF 45 DEGREES S LATITUDE FOR
WHICH THE IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE EFFORTS MAY NOT BE
CLEAR. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY CALL ON ALL STATES AND THE
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH RELEVANT
RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE (1) THAT EXPLORATION AND
CONSERVATION OF THE VAST RESOURCES, BOTH LIVING AND

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NON-LIVING OF SUCH AREAS ARE CARRIED OUT IN SUCH
A MANNER AS TO REFLECT ADEQUATELY THE UNDOUBTED AND
CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
IN SUCH AREAS; AND (2) THAT THOSE RESOURCES WILL
BE MADE SUBJECT TO A REGIME OF RATIONAL MANAGEMENT
AND UTILIZATION TO SECURE OPTIMUM BENEFITS FOR MAN-
KIND AS A WHOLE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE GLOBAL
INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. UNQUOTE REED

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